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**Facts Are Needed
on Cuban Failure**

Before any fault can be found with any government agency, before the blame for the Cuba rebellion fiasco can be hung on anyone, the facts on just what happened must be determined beyond question.

The invasion of the island by anti-Castro Cubans failed apparently because of too little strength and too little planning. Ever since the fate of the attempt became easily predictable, the public has listened to a stream of accusations bandied between Democratic big-wigs trying to find a scapegoat and Republican critics of the President who doubt the truth of charges and innuendos aimed at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and others.

Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall really began it with a "leaked" story that linked ex-President Eisenhower with the faulty planning and badly timed launching of the invasion. This charge against the general who directed the destruction of Nazi Germany's "Fortress Europa" was of a character that caused most high government officials simply to refuse to comment on it.

Then Democratic senators intimated that the CIA had contributed to the defeat by intelligence errors. This has been denied by a CIA spokesman who, without trying to fix the blame on anybody, flatly states that the attitude of the Cuban people and the extent of military equipment at Castro's service were correctly reported to the President before someone apparently gave the order to start the adventure.

While Republicans in the Senate prepare to launch demands for an investigation, the President has announced a committee headed by former Army Chief of Staff Maxwell Taylor will inquire into what happened, and why, and our plans for future action against the Castro regime.

A complete and impartial investigation is very much in order at the present time. The rumored impending change in the leadership of the CIA—which would supplant Allen Dulles with the President's brother, Robert Kennedy—would indict Dulles and the agency for the failure regardless of anything that might be announced to the contrary.

Before that happens, and before the name-calling and accusations go any further, the facts should be established as to whether the information given the President was or was not accurate, and the extent to which anybody else in our government had anything to do with the faulty arrangements.